

COUNTRY East Germany

REPORT

TOPIC Finsterwalde Airfield

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EVALUATION

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28 January 1954

REFERENCES

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ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE)

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REMARKS

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1. The following observations were made at Finsterwalde airfield between 14 December 1953 and 9 January 1954:

14 December. No air activity was observed.

15 December. Between 10:30 a.m. and noon, two single-engine aircraft made several local flights over the field. Visibility was limited to 5 kilometers. A biplane [] was parked in front of hangar No 5.

17 to 27 December. No air activity was observed at the field.

28 December. Between 9:30 a.m. and noon, two single-engine aircraft individually circled over the field. The weather was favorable.

29 December to 9 January. No air activity was observed at the field. []

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3. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at the field:

21 December. No flights were made.

22 December. Between 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., a single-engine aircraft made local flights over the field. Visibility was limited to about 10 kilometers.

23 December. No air activity was conducted although the weather was good. Only the noise of aircraft engines was heard.

24 to 27 December. There was no air activity. The weather was unfavorable. The field was occupied by 20 to 30 Il-10s. The barracks installations at the field housed air force soldiers and army soldiers wearing red bordered black epauletts.

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28 December. Between 10 a.m. and noon, two Il-10s made local flights at low level.

29 December. Between 11:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., two Il-10s made flights of about 20 minutes duration. There was a medium degree of cloudiness. Source observed the field only during the period mentioned.

30 December. No air activity was observed. There was a 10/10 overcast and a moderate degree of visibility. The searchlight was in operation after 6 p.m. It rotated four times at regular intervals, then was turned off, and after a pause rotated again.

31 December to 5 January. No air activity was observed. The sky was overcast and visibility was poor.

6 and 7 January. Between 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m., some Il-10s made local flights. At 11:30 a.m. on 7 January, a formation of six Li-2s crossed over the field heading toward the north and coming from the direction of Alt Loennowitz. The rotary searchlight was again in operation between 6 p.m. and 10 p.m. although no flights were made.

8 January. No air activity was observed at the field.¹

4. [REDACTED] The flight control station was located just west of the destroyed repair hangar. [REDACTED]
At least five hangars were in operation. Truck [REDACTED] with soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets was repeatedly observed entering and leaving the field, apparently for ration supply.

1. [REDACTED] Comment. Finsterwalde airfield is occupied by a ground attack regiment equipped with about 40 Il-10s. The removal of the KV-45 DF station had been reported in November 1953. It is believed that the DF station was transferred to another location which has not been identified. An AA gun emplacement is located north of the western end of the runway.

2. [REDACTED] Comment. [REDACTED] The reported location and number of hangars agree with available information. It is unknown which hangar now serves as the repair hangar.

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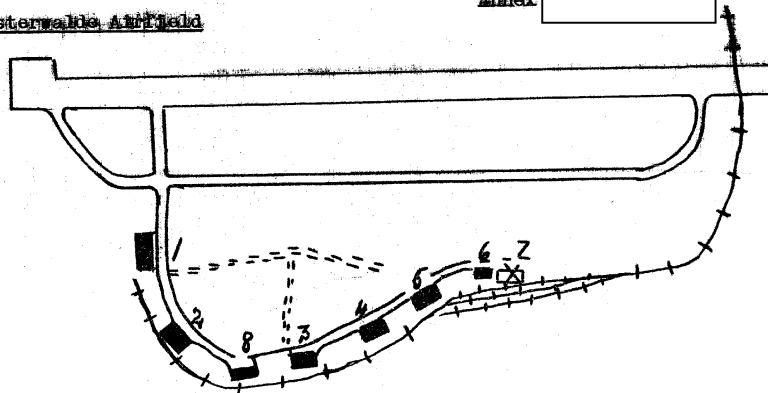
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Annex



Legend:

1 to 5 Hangars

6 Flight control station

7 Destroyed repair hangar

8 Heating house

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